

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 11-166—SB 980

Select Committee on Children

Human Services Committee

**AN ACT CONCERNING PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL
STUDY FOSTER PARENTS**

SUMMARY: This act eliminates the minimum age requirement with which the Department of Children and Families (DCF) must comply to temporarily place a child with a special study foster parent. Previously, only children 10 years old or older could be placed in such care. A special study foster parent is at least 21 years old and not licensed by DCF to provide foster care.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2011

BACKGROUND

Special Study Foster Homes

By law, a child may be placed with a special study foster parent for up to 90 days when the placement is in the child's best interest. The placement is made once the department conducts and completes a satisfactory home visit and a basic family assessment, and the special study foster parent attests that he or she and any adult living in the household has not been convicted of a crime or arrested for any of specified felonies or for the possession, use, or sale of a controlled substance. A special study foster parent is subject to the licensure requirement if the placement exceeds 90 days.

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